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SUBJ: FRG CALLS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH VIEW TO ALLIES

REACTING AT UN AGAINST CONDEMNATIONS OF NATO

1. ON OCTOBER 24, FRG POLAD (CITRON) INFORMED MISSION HIS DELEGATION HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSE THAT THE ALLIES DISCUSS RECURRING CONDEMNATIONS IN UN DEBATES AND RESOLUTIONS OF NATO AND NATO MEMBERS FOR ALLEGED SUPPORT OF RACISM AND APARTHEID AND FOR ALLEGED COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA. CITRON SAID HIS AUTHORITIES REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO RECENT DEBATE AND ACTION IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE, BUT BONN WAS ALSO CONCERNED GENERALLY ABOUT IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNANSWERED ATTACKS ON NATO. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTIONS, HE CLARIFIED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD IN MIND NOT A NATO REACTION, AS SUCH, TO THIS CRITICISM, BUT RATHER SOME FORM OF INFORMAL AGREEMENT THAT IN THE FUTURE, ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UN WOULD MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS IN THEIR NATIONAL CAPACITY TO THIRD WORLD DELEGATIONS BEFORE VOTING TAKES PLACE ON RESOLUTIONS CONTAINING UNTRUE AND ABUSIVE STATEMENTS ABOUT NATO. HE SAID HE THOUGHT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE ALSO THINKING IN TERMS OF THE ALLIES THREATENING TO VOTE AGAINST ALL RESOLUTIONS WHICH CONTAIN CONDEMNATIONS OF THE NATO ALLIANCE. THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO OBTAIN DELETION FROM DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OF ANY LANGUAGE WHICH IS NEGATIVE WITH REGARD
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2. CITRON SAID HIS AMBASSADOR WOULD RAISE THIS ISSUE, UNDER STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS, AT THE OCTOBER 29 NAC,

SUGGESTING THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE BE DIRECTED BY THE NAC TO CONSULT ON THIS MATTER. CITRON SAID HIS AMBASSADOR WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE UNITED STATES COULD ON OCTOBER 29 REACT FAVORABLY TO THIS INITIATIVE AND SUPPORT THE IDEA OF SUCH A POLADS DISCUSSION.

3. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO REACT POSITIVELY TO FRG PROPOSAL AT OCTOBER 29 NAC FOR POLAD CONSULTATIONS ON THIS TOPIC. IN ADDITION TO DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE, WE WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT AND USUN COMMENTS ON THE FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY OF RECENT CRITICISM OF NATO IN UN DEBATES AND DOCUMENTS.BRUCE

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